

18 August 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, D/E
Chief, E/C
Chief, E/ST

SUBJECT: IAG Problems of Interest to D/E

1. On 10 August 1954 a memorandum was furnished the Chairman, IAG, on the subject "Statement of Pending IAG Problems - No. 1". The forward to this memorandum stated that "this serial publication will serve as a "tickler" on which coming agenda can be planned and as a method of regular communication between the Executive Secretary and the Chairman." A third revision of this memorandum was provided on 16 August 1954.

2. For information and action of cognizant Division personnel, the following resume of several of these problems is furnished. The Executive Secretary will provide additional information and will cooperate as appropriate with Branch chiefs in handling these problems.

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a. MDAC Requirements for [REDACTED]

Copies of a "Report of Meeting on ONI Reporting Program for MDAC" have been furnished Chief, D/E, Ch/C, and Chief, E/C. Several conclusions reached at this meeting are of particular interest to members of D/E. [REDACTED] plans to consult with Division officers on this matter. Further IAG action will await the results of such consultation.

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b. Processing of Commodity Papers Used in List Review

The IAG, at its meeting of 13 May, suggested that steps be taken to assemble the various informal intelligence contributions made to JOC in the course of the current list review into formal IAG intelligence documents. The Executive Secretary by memorandum of 17 May (for approval of Chief, D/E) suggested a procedure for accomplishing this assembly of intelligence contributions within D/E. Chief, D/E, indicated that this memorandum was not necessary since E/C was aware of this exercise.

This problem was again considered at the last two meetings of IAG. Mr. Reiss of Commerce was to furnish a list of the JOC document numbers applicable to those commodity items on which COCOM quotas are to be established beginning in September. Analysts in member agencies were to add to this list (which was to be circulated in IAG) any material they believed relevant, and to submit informally to JOC any new or corrective intelligence. Mr. Reiss on 12 August indicated that such a list was not absolutely necessary since the COCOM documents and recent cables provide a list of those items to be considered in COCOM.

The IAG also has determined that all commodity contributions already made to JOC are eventually to be reviewed as to their adequacy. Following this assessment, it is anticipated that there are to be re-writes of the intelligence to provide a "known universe" in this commodity field.

c. Tracing Movement of Decontrolled Commodities

Chief, E/ST, has been designated as the CIA member on an IAG subgroup on this subject. The mission of this subgroup is to: (1) prepare a list of decontrolled items; (2) determine the most feasible method of tracing such movements; (3) indicate those items the movements of which should be traced, and (4) survey the capabilities of member agencies for purposes of the project. The urgent need for preparation of this list is indicated in the report (see above) of the MDAC-CHI meeting. It is understood that the proposed Friday meeting of this subgroup has been postponed because of the illness of Mr. Reiss.

d. Program for Study of Soviet Trade Tactics

MDAC proposes to table several papers on this subject in the fall session of COCOM. At the 5 August IAG meeting, [REDACTED] requested that the Chairman designate a CIA representative to assist in the preparation of a redraft of an IAG paper on Soviet petroleum offers and a related paper prepared in CIR. [REDACTED] I/P, has been informally advised of this request. [REDACTED] CIR, has offered her assistance. In addition, CIA help was requested in the preparation of a paper on "trade fairs", also to be submitted to COCOM. It is understood that a paper on this subject has been written in OCI. Pending the designation of a CIA participant in this project, no further action has been taken by the Executive Secretary.

e. Request for Information on Selenium and Electrolytic Manganese

On 19 July 1954 a request for information on these commodity items was received by the Executive Secretary from Mr. Reiss, Commerce. This request was brought to the attention of Chief, D/E, who instructed E/C to make necessary arrangements. On 6 August, memoranda were sent to ST/PR requesting intelligence support. This problem was discussed on 12, 13, 17, and 18 August with Messrs. Reiss and Gutman of Commerce, Mr. Rensen of M/FM, [REDACTED] Papers on the two items are scheduled for completion in M/FM by 30 August. In the meantime, Mr. Rensen is anxious to obtain further clarification of the Commerce need for this intelligence. His concern has been made known to Chief, D/E. No further action is being taken by the Executive Secretary pending further instructions.

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